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In re: Joachim Pitzler et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sirs:

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend the above-identified application as follows. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this document.